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SMUGGLING OF OPIUM
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the reports that with an interim Government in Afghanistan, a grand revival of opium cultivation in that country has again started;

(b) : if so , whether this also opens up flood gates of smuggling of opium into India ;

(c) : if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) : the steps taken to prevent such smuggling and the financing of terrorist activities through funds generated by such smuggling ?

Answer

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.